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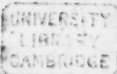


These be the Statutes establi-
shed in diuerse Parliamentes for
the mystery of þe pewterers of London,
and concerninge the searche of pewter,
brasse, and vntue beames & weightes,
& for deceivable Hawkers, with diuerse
other orders & redirelles to be had in the
saide mystery, with the renewinge and
confirminge of the same Statutes.

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An acte made the fourth yeare of
our Soueraigne Lords, Kinge Henry
the. viii. concerning Pewterers, and true
weyghts and beames. the .vii. cap.



Orasmuch as a certaine
Acte was made and stablished in
the Parliament holden at West-
minster the .xix. yeare of the
ragnie of the last most famous
Kinge your father Henry the. vii. (whome
God pardon :) Concerninge Pewterers and
Brassiers, haukinge and walkinge about the
countreies, and also concerninge false beames,
scales and weyghtes, with a provision for cast-
ing of fine mettall and of perfit goodnes, which
acte was made to indure to the nexte Parla-
ment, the tennoz wherof insueth. That where
many simple and euill disposed persons of this
your Realme of Englande, bringe the sayde
crafts, daily goe about this your Realme from
village, from towne, and from house to house,
as well in woods and forrests as other places,
to buy Pewter and Brasse. And that know-
inge theenes and other pickers that steale as-
well pewter & brasse belonginge to your high-
nes, and vnder your marke, and to the Lords
spirituall and temporall, as to other your sub-
iectes of this your Realme, bringe such stolen
vessels to them in such hid places to sell, and sel
it for litle or nought, and about they bringe it
to priue places or into corners of Citties or
townes

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townes and there sell much part of it to strangers which carry it ouer the Sea by stealth.

Also the sayd persons so goinge about, and diuerse other vsing the sayd craftes, vse to make new vessels and to mixe good mettall and bad together, and make it nought and sell it for good stuffe: where in deed the stuffe and mettall therof is not worth the fourth part that it is solde for, to the great hurt, deceyt, and losse of your subiectes.

Nota.

Also diuers persons vsinge the sayd crafts haue deceyuable and false beames and scales, that one of them will stand euen with twelue pound weyght at the one ende, against a quarter of a pound at the other ende, to the singuler aduantage of themselves, and to the great deceyte and losse of your Subiectes buyers and sellers with them.

The ordinance.

For reformation of the premisses, it would please your Highnesse of your most habundant grace, with the aduise of your Lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctority of the same, to enact and stablish that no person nor persons vsing the said craft of Pewterers and Brasiers, from henceforth shall sell or chaunge any pewter or brasle, new or olde, at any place or places within this your realme but onely in open faires or Markets, or in theyr owne dwelling houses: but if they be desired by the buyers of such wares, vpon paine of forfeiture to our Soueraigne Lorde the Kinge, for euery such default tenne poundes.

Penalt

x. pound.

Also

Also by the same auctoritey may be it establi^{Nota}
shed that no person nor persons of what con-
dicion or degree so euer hee or they bee, from
henceforth within the Cittie of London and
Dorke or without, eyther caste or worke any
Pewter vessels or Brasse, at any place or pla-
ces, within this your Realm: but that it be as
good fine mettall as is the pewter and brasse,
cast and wrought after the perfite goodnes of
the same within the Cittie of London, and by
the statutes of thesame ought to be, vpo paine
of forseynture of all such Pewter and Brasse so
cast and wrought of woorse Pewter or Brasse
than ought to be wrought in the same Citties.
The one halfe of euery such forseynture to be to
the vse of your Highnesse, and the other halfe
to the vse of the finders therof.

Provided alwayes that this forseynture in no
wise extend to brasse or pewter, beinge in the
possession of any person, other than the woo-
kers of the same, or such as haue the same to
sell, and beinge of the craftes or mistery. Also

that it may by the same auctoritey bee enacted^{Nota}
and stablished that no manner of person or per-
sons of what degree or condicion soeuer hee or
they be, fro henceforth make no hollow wares
of pewter. That is to say, Saltes and Pots
that is made of pewter called ley mettall, but
that it may bee after the assise of pewter ley
mettall wrought within the Cittie of London.

And þ the makers of such wares shall marke^{Penalt}
the same with seuerall markes of their owne,
to the intente that the makers of such wares

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shall fauor to the same wares by them (as is a-
bone sayd) to be wrought.

Penalte.

And that all and enery such wares not suf-
ficiently made and wrought, and not marked
in forme abone saide, founden in the possession
of the same maker or seller, to be forfeited. And
if the same ware be sold, the sayd maker to for-
feit $\frac{1}{2}$ value of the same so vnlawfully wrought
and solde, the one halfe of the said wares or the
value therof to be to the vse of your Highnesse,
& the other halfe to be to the vse of the finders
or searchers of the same.

Beames
and
weights.

Also that it may by the same auctoritee bee
enacted and stablised, that if any person or
persons hereafter vsinge buyinge and sellinge
of pewter or brasle, that hereafter occupy any
deceable or false beains or weightes of the sayd
wares, that enery such person or persons vsing
or occupying such deceivable & vnttrue beaines
or weightes, to forfeit twenty shillings. The
one halfe to the Kinge, and the other halfe to
the party that therfore shal sue by action of det.
And that in the saide action no protection nor
esoyne shall bee allowed. And also the saide
party so offendinge shall forfeit his Beaine to
him that shall lease it. And if the saide offen-
der or offenders be not sufficient to pay the saide
somme or sommes by them so forfeited, that
then it shalbe lawfull to the Mayres, Baylifs,
or other head Officers of such place or places
where any such offenders shalbe found, to put
them in the Stockes, and them so to keepe till
the next Market Day next adioyninge, and in
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the Market place to put them in the Billow at
the Market time. And furthermore that it Searchie,
bee lawfull by the said auctorite, that the May-
ster and VVardaines of the said crafte of Pew-
terers within euery Cittie or Borough of this
Realme where such wardaynes are. And
where no such wardains are, the head officers
or gouernours of the same Cittie or Borough
to appoint certaine personnes most experte in
knowledge of the same, to make search within
the said Citties or boroughs where they dwell.
And ouer this the Iustices of peace, within eu-
ery Shire at the generall Sessions holden
at Mighelmas Hall assygne and appointe two
certaine persons hauinge experience therein, to
make searche in the premisses in euery part of
the Shire aswel within þe fraunchise as with-
out, sauing in Citties or boroughs where sea-
chers be appointed by the heads or gouernours
of the same. And that all such vnlawfull pew-
ter or brasle, as the sayde searchers shall finde,
the one halfe to the vse of your Grace, and the
other halfe to the searchers. And that in the
default of the sayde Maisters and VVardaines
of the saide occupations not searching in foune
as is aforesaid, and wherby that any such vn-
lawfull mettall is cast or made, or vnlawfull
weightes used, that then it shalbe lawfull to a-
ny person or persons hauing sufficient cunning
or knowledqe in the sayde occupations by ouer-
sight of þe Waires, Bayliffes, or head Officers
of the said Citties and Boroughs and to none
to search all the saide places, and to put those
saide

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For true
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manship.

saide auctoritie and acte in execution, in forme
aforesaide. Please it therfore your Grace and
wisdomes in so much as þe saide act is thought
good and profitable, that it bee ordained, en-
acted, and established by the Lordes, spiritual
and temporall, and the commons in this pre-
sent Parliament assembled, and by the aucto-
rity of the same, that the said acte may endure
for euer. And ouer that be it enacted by the
sayd auctority, that if any vntrie or deceivable
mettall or workmanship of Tinne or pewter,
bee founden either in Blatters, Chargers,
Dishes, Sawcers, Potengers, Trenchers,
Basons, flagons, Bottels, Bottes, Salt-
sellers, Goblets, Spooones, Cruets, or Can-
delstickes, or in any other such wares of tinne
or pewter, whersoever it bee cast, made or
brought within this Realme or without, and
brought to bee solde within the same Realme.
That then it shalbe lawfull to the Maire of
the Cittie of London, and the Mayster and
Wardaynes of the crafte of pewterers of the
sayd Cittie for the time being, and their de-
puties, to haue searche of the same within the
Cittie of London and the Subbarbes of the
same, and that in all other Citties, Borowhs
and Cotones where any Wardaines bee or
shalbe, the Maires, Bayliffes, or head Offi-
cers and Wardaines to haue like auctority.
And where no wardaines bee, then the head
Officers or gouernours of the same Citties,
Borowhs, and Cotones to appoint certaine
persons most expert and cunning in knowledge
of

of the same, to make search within þ sayd citties,
Boroughs, and Townes where they dwell.

And if any such new wares wrought of Tin
and Pewter as is aforesayd be found defectiue,
and being in the possession of the seller, that then
thesame person or persons that putteth any such
new wares of pewter to sale shal forfait the same
wares, the one halfe to þ vse of our Soueraigne
Lorde the Kinge, and the other halfe to the sear-
chers or finders of the same.

Pewter
being de-
fectiue to
be forfeit-
ted.

Þrouided alway that this act concerning þ for-
feiture be not prejudicial nor hurtful to any perso
or persons hauinge graunte of our Soueraigne
Lord þ King, or of any of his noble Progenitozs
by his letters patents of such forfeiture, but that
they & euery of the shall haue and enioy thesame
according to their former graunts and liberties.

Prouisiō.

An Acte concerning Pewterers, made
in the xxv. yeare of the reigne of our Soue-
raigne Lord, Kinge Henry the cyght,
in the ninth Chapter.

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IN their most lamētāble wise Petition.
Shewen, and pitteously complayne vnto
the Kinges most royall Maiessty, and to
this most highe Courte of Parliāmente, the
Kings most humble pooze, & obersaunt subiects,
the Maister, wardaines, & poze fellowship of the
craft & mistery of Pewterers, as wel of the Citty
of London, as of all other places within this
Realeme of England, that where the said craft or
mistery

mistery before this time hath bin one of the best
 handycraftes within this Realme, which hath
 not only growen & continued by mean of diuerse
 good acts & statutes made for the true exercise
 of thesame, wherof one was made in the .xix.
 yeare of the Kinges most renowned father,
 whose soule God pardon. And one other was
 made in the fourth yeare of the Kinges moste
 victorious raigne, concerning the crafts of Pew-
 terers & Brasiers, of and for the true makinge,
 mixting, and sellinge of good & true pewter, and
 brazen vessels. And also for exercising and vsinge
 of true weightes and beames to be occupied by
 the sellers of any such pewter or brazen vessels
 within this Realme, so that none of the Kinges
 Subiectes, nor any other person should by any
 sale of any false mixed brazen and pewter ves-
 sell, or any vntrue weightes bee deceiued, as by
 the sayd statutes more plainely doth appeare.
 Which good Statutes duely put in execution,
 hath caused the sayde craft to encrease and mul-
 tiplie, to the great profite and vtility of a great
 number of the Kings subiects, & the comodity
 of pewter sell much to be had in reputation
 in all straunge Regions and Countreys, vntill
 now of late diuerse euill disposed persons, beinge
 the Kinges Subiectes boine, which haue beene
 apprentices and brought vp in the exercise of the
 saide craft of pewterers, haue now of late for
 their singuler lucre repaired into straunge regi-
 ons and countreys, and there do exercise the said
 craft of Pewterers, teachinge straungers (not
 only

onely the cunninge of mixtinge and forginge of
all manner of pewter vessel) but also doo teache
all thinges belonginge to the sayde crafte of
Pewtererers. By meane wherof there is not
onely brought (daily into this Realme) out of
straunge Regions to bee solde, great number
of thinges made of pewter butruey mixed and
made of Tinne, whertwith the Kinges subiects
bee daily deceiued, and the people of straunge
countrie greatly instructed in the cunninge of the
said craft of pewtererers, in such wise, & therby not
only a great number & quantitie of pewter vessel,
& other thinges of pewter made in diuerse sortes
and fashions, amounting to a great value, which
was daily and continually wonte to be caried &
comieped out of this Realme by Merchants in-
to straung regions and countreyes, and there to
be solde and vendid. Wherby the commodity of
Tinne made into pewter vessel, which hath bene
had in great estimation, as thinges very necessary
and commodious, & the Kinges customes therby
much aduanced, is now like vtterly to cease and
decay, and not to be esteemed as heretofore hath
bin, but also the sayde crafte of Pewtererers, which
at this day setteth and kepeth in woork and oc-
cupacion a great number of people, shalbe vtter-
ly vndone. And a great multitude of the Kings
naturall subiectes therby fall into idlenesse, to
the great impoverishment of this Realme, if spe-
dy remedy for the redresse of the premises be not
prouided.

In tender consideration wherof, and for refo-
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mation of the premisses, it may please your high-
ness, by the assente of the Lordes spirituall and
temporal, and the commons in this present Par-
lyament assembled, and by the aucthority of the
same, to ordaine and enact, that no person or per-
sons hereafter, at any time now inhabitinge, or
which hereafter shall inhabite within this Realm
shall buy or otherwise take by exchange for other
wares, any wares made, or hereafter to be made
out of this Realme of Tin, or mixt with Tin, as
Platters, Dishes, Sabocers, Pots, Basins,
Covers, flagons, Goblets, Salte, Salt sellers,
Spones, or any other thinge made of Tinne or
 Pewter as aforesaide, whatsoever it bee, upon
payne of forfeiture of the same ware, in whole
handes soever it may be found or taken, and also
lawfull money currant in this Realme to the va-
lue therof. The one halfe of the same forfeiture
to be to the vse of the Kinges highness, and the
other halfe to the vse of the finders of the same.

And furthermore be it enacted, that it shall be
lawfull to the Maister and Wardaines of the said
crafft of Pewterers, as well within the Citie of
London, as within every other Citie, Borough,
or Towne of this Realm where such wardaines
bee. And where no such wardaines bee, to the
head Officer or gouvernour, head Officers or go-
uernours of the same Citie, Borough, or town
for the time beinge to appointe diuerse persons
most experte in knowledge of the same, to make
search and seasure, and to take into their handes
and possession all such wares as hereafter shall
be brought contrary to the true intent and effect

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of this present Acte; in whose soever handes or possession any such shalbe found.

And also be it enacted by the authority abovesayde, that no person nor persons occupyinge the sayd crafte or occupation of Pewterers, within this Realme shall set on worke or retaine in his or their service any person or persons to be his or their Apprentice, or Journeyman beeing straunger borne out of this Realme, vpon paine to forfeit for every such Apprentice and Journeyman tenne poundes sterlinge. And that no straunger borne out of this Realme shall occupye, exercise, or vse from the feast of Pentecost next comming, the sayde crafte of Pewterers, nor worke any manner of vessel or other ware aforesaide to be made of Tinne or Pewter, within any place or places of this Realme; vpon paine of forfeiture of tenne poundes sterlinge. And also vpon paine of forfeiture of the same pewter or tinne for so much, in whose handes soever it may be taken or found.

And also be it enacted by authority aforesayd, that no person nor persons beeing borne within this Realme, occupyinge or exercisinge the sayd crafte of Pewterers, shall at any tyme hereafter resorte to any straunge Regions or Countreys, there to vse, teache, or exercise the sayde crafte of Pewterers vpon payne to lose the privilege & benefite of an Englishman. And if in case any of the Kinges Subiectes, at this present tyme beinge dwelling in any straung Countrey or Region, and there occuppyng the sayd crafte of Pewterers doe not repaire into this Realme within three Monethes nexte after request & warninge

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Exercise
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to him be giuen, by writing sealed with the com-
mon seal of the Wardaimes of the saide craft,
within the saide Cittie of London, and here in
this Realme continually from henceforth dwell
inhabite that then & from henceforth he shal be
taken & reputed as no Englishman, but shal stand
& be from henceforth out of the Kings protection.

Hawkers

And forasmuch as sundry evil disposed persons
which commonly be called hawkers, by authori-
ty of the Kings letters patentes or placarde,
do not only goe about from place to place within
this Realme, vsing buying and selling of brasse
and pewter. And by colour and pretence of the
same Licences and placardes, vse vnlawfull and
deceauable wrightes and beames, but also do
vse to sell both pewter and brasse, which is not
good, nor true, nor lawfully mixt nor wrought,
to the great deceit of the Kings true lyege people
contrary to the fourme and effect of the said good
Act and Statute made in the saide fourth yeare
of the Kings most noble raigne. Be it therefore
enacted by authority of this present Parliament,
that all such licences and placardes heretofore
had, made, or granted to any such person or per-
sons contrary to the true meaninge, forme, and
effect of this Statute shalbe from henceforth by
authority of this presente Parliament clearely
void and of none effect. And where as in the
said act of Parliament (concerning the craft of
pewterers & brasiers) made in the saide fourth
yeare, for diuerse causes and considerations in the
same containd, among other things it is expres-
sed that no person or persons using the said craft

of Pewterers or Brasiers should from henceforth
sell or chaunge any pewter or brasie, new or olde,
at any place or places within this Realme, but
only in open faires or Markets, or in their own
dwelling houses, but if they were desired by the
buyers of such wares, vpon paine of forfeiture for
euery such default ten poundes.

Forasmuch as the same forfeiture is to the on-
ly vse of the Kings highnesse, and that any party Hawkers
searching or findinge the same is not intituled to
haue any benefit thereby, it hath not bin knowne
that any person or persons haue taken any paine
to insearch or make any inquire thereof. By rea-
son wherof diuerse & many euill disposed persons
vsinge bying and selling both of Brasie & Pewter
and not regarding the sayd good act, nor the sayd
penalty, daily goe about from Village to village,
Towne and towne, and from house to house, to
sell such Pewter and Brasie, which is not good.
And also vse deceivable Weyghtes and Beames Penaltie
as they did before the making of the sayd acte to for haw-
the great hurt and deceit of the Kings true liege kers,
people and Subiectes. Wherfore be it enacted
by the auctorithy abouesaide, that aswell the
moyte of the sayd forfeiture of ten poundes limi-
ted in the saide estatute made in the saide fourth
peare, as also the moyte of all other forfeitures
before expressed, and euery of them bee and shall
be to the vse of the Kinges highnesse, his Heires
and Successors, and the other moyte of the same
forfeitures and euery of them to the vse of him
or them, that shall seeke, finde or present the said
forfeitures or any of them, or that shall sue for
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thesame in any competent Court or Courtes,
within this Realme by action of Debt, bill, plaint
or information, wherin the Defendant shall in no
wise be admitted to wage his law, or any protec-
tion or esoyne to any person or persons which
shalbe impeached to haue offended contrary to
the forme and effecte of this Statute, shalbe a-
lovable. This acte to indure to the last day of
the next Parliament.

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and renouacions of the aforesaide Statutes.*

Confir-
mation.

AND it is to be noted that the sayd last act was
renewed in the Parliament holden at VVest-
minster the .viii. day of Iune, in the .xxviii. yeare
of our sayd Soueraigne Lorde, to and amonge
other actes. And that all clauses, articles, and
promissions therein contayned to stande in their
force and strength, to the last day of the next Par-
liament. And also the sayd act was renewed
again in the Parliament holden at VVestmin-
ster the .xxviii. of Aprill, in the .xxxi. yeare of our
sayd Soueraigne Lorde, amongst other actes,
as is aforesaide. &c.

*An acte concerninge Pewterers made
in the .xxxiii. yeare of the raigne of our Soueraigne
Lorde Kinge Henry the .viij. Chap. iij.*

Recitall
of the

Where at the Parliament begun at London
the third day of Nouember, in the .xvi. yeare
of

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of the raigne of the King our Soueraigne Lord, and from thence adiourned to VVestminster and there holden, and from that time continued by diuerse prorogations vnto the .xxv. day of January the .xxv. yeare of his most noble raigne, it was ordained and established by the assent of the Kings Maiesty, his Lords spiritual & temporal, and the commons in the said Parlyament then assembled, and by the authority of the same, that no person or persons, from that time than inhabitinge, or which after that time should inhabit within this Realme should buy, or otherwise take by exchange for other wares, any manner wares made, or hereafter to be made out of this Realme, of Tin, or mixt with Tin, as Platters, Dishes, sawcers, Pots, Basins, Cewers, flagons, Goblettes, Saltes, Saltfellers, Spones, or any other thinge made of Tinne or Pewter as aforesaide, whatsoeuer it were, vpon payne of forfeiture of the same wares, in whose hands soeuer it might be found or taken, & also lawfull money currant in this Realme to the full value thereof, the one halfe of the same forfeiture to be to the vse of the Kinges highnesse, and the other halfe to bee to the vse of the finders of the same: And further it was enacted, that it should be lawfull to the Maister and VVardaines of the Pewterers, as well within the Citty of London, as within euery other Citty, Borough, or Towne within this Realme where such wardaines were, & where no such wardaines were, to the head Officer or gouernour, head Officers or gouernours of the same Citty, Borough, or towne for y^e time being.

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to appoint diuerse persons, most expert in know-
ledge of the same, to make searche and seizure,
and to take into their hands and possession all
such wares as thereafter should be brought con-
trary to the true intent and effect of the sayd act,
in whose soeuer handes or possessions any such
should bee found. And it was also enacted by
the auctority abovesaide, that no person or per-
sons occuppying the sayde crafte or occupation of
Pewterers within this Realme should set on
worke, or retaine in his or their seruice any perso
or persons to be his or their Apprentice, or Jour-
neyman estraunger borne out of this Realme,
vpon paine to forfait for euery such Apprentice
and Journeyman tenne poundes sterlinge: And
that no straüger borne out of this Realme should
occupy, exercise, or vse, from the feast of Pentecost
than next comming, the said craft of Pewterers,
nor worke any manner of vessels or other ware
aforesaide, to bee made of Tin or Pewter, within
any place or places of this Realme, vpon paine
of forfeiture of tenne poundes sterlinge: And also
vpon paine of forfeiture of the same pewter or
Tin so wrought, in whose hands soeuer it should
be found or taken: And it was further enacted
by the sayd auctority that no person or persons
being borne within this Realme, than occuppying
or exercising the sayd craft of Pewterers, should
from thenceforth resorte into any straunge Regi-
ons or Countreyes, there to vse, teach, or exercise
the sayde craft of Pewterers vpon payne to lose
the Priueledge & benefite of an Englishman.
And if in case any of the Kinges Subiectes, at
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that tyme beinge dwelling in any straung Countrey or Region, & there occuppyng the sayd craft of pewterers, did not repaire into this Realme with in thre Moneths next after request & warning to him to be giuen, by writinge sealed with the common seale of the Wardaines of the said craft within the saide Cittie of London, and here in this Realme continually from thenceforth dwell & inhabite that then & from henceforth he should be reputed & taken as no Englishmā, but should stand and bee from henceforth out of the Kinges protection.

And it was than further enacted, that where sundry euill disposed persons, which commonly were called hawkers, by aucthority of h Kings letters patentes or placarde, did not onely goe about from place to place within this Realme, by sing buyng and selling of brasle and pewter, and by colour and pretence of the same Licences or Placards, did not only vse vnlawful & decenable Weyghtes and Beames, but also did vse to sell both Brasle and Pewter, which was not good, nor truely or lawfully mixte or wrought, to the great deceite of the Kinges true lyege people contrary to the fourme and effect of a good and laudable Act and Statute made in the fourth yere of the Kings said most noble raigne, that all such lycences & placardes afore that tyme had made or graunted to any such person or persons contrary to the true meaninge, forme, and effect of the sayd estatute, should be from thenceforth by the aucthority of the sayd Parlyament clearely voyd and of none effecte. And where as in the sayde

acte of Parliament (concerning the said craft of Pewterers and Brasiers) made in the saide fourth yeare, for diuerse causes and considerations in the same act contayned, amongst other things it was expressed, that no person or persons, blinge the sayd craft of Pewterers or Brasiers should from henceforth sell or chaunge any pewter or brasle, newe or olde, at any place or places within this Realme, but onely in open fayres or Markets, or in their owne dwellinge houses, but if they were desired by the buyers of such wares; vpon paine of forfeiture for euery such defaulte tenne poundes. And so than the same forfeiture was to the only vse of H Kings highnesse, and the party searching or findinge the same was not intituled to haue any benefite therby: it was not knownen that any person or persons had taken any paines to insearch or make any inquire therof. By reason wherof diuerse & many euill disposed persons than blinge bying and selling as well of Brasle as Pewter, and not regardinge the sayd good act, nor the sayd penalty, went daily about from Village to village, Towne to towne, and from house to house, to sel such Pewter and Brasle, which was not good, and also vled deceiuable Weightes and Beames, as they did befoze the makinge of the sayd act to the great hurt and Deceit of H Kings true liege people and Subiectes. Wherefore it was enacted by the aucthority of the saide Parliament, that aswell the moytie of the sayd forfeiture of ten poundes limited in the saide statute made in the said fourth yeare, as also the moytie of all other forfeitures and penalties, expressed
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and specified in the said actes, and euery of them should be to the vse of the Kinges highnesse, his Heires and Successors, and the other mortie of the same forfeitures and penalties and euery of them to þe vse of him, or them that would leaze, finde or presente the same forfeitures or any of them, or that would sue for the same in any competent Courte or Courtes within this Realme by action of debt, bill, plaint or information wherin the defendant should in no wise bee admitted to wage his law, or any protection or esoyne to any person or persons which should be impeched to haue offended contrary to the forme and effecte of this Statute, should be allowable, as in the sayd act more plainly appeareth, which act was appointed to indure onely to the ende of the next Parlyament than next followinge, and which act was after renewed in the Parlyament holden at VVestminster, in the .xxviii. yere of the raigne of our sayd Soueraigne Lorde, to indure vntill the ende of the next Parlyament than next folowinge: And which act was also renewed at the Parlyamente holden at VVestminster, in the .xxxi. and .xxxi. yeres of our saide Soueraigne Lordes raigne to indure vntill the last day of the nexte Parlyament than nexte ensuinge: Prayen therfore in this presente Parlyamente our saide Soueraigne Lordes true & obedient Subiects, the Petitioner of this his sayde Realme, & other the true commons of the same, because the same acte is beneficiall and necessary for the common wealth of this Realme: That it may be enacted by the Kinge our sayde Soueraigne Lorde, the

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Lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in the present Parliament assembled, and by authority of the same forasmuch as the same, acte and every thing therein contained, is good and beneficiall to the common wealth of this Realme, that all and every the sayde actes and statutes, and all and every article sentence and clause comprised in the same, may from henceforth stand & abide in as full strength and effecte for evermore from henceforth to indure, accordinge to the purport, tenour and effect of the same act & actes, as though the said articles sentences & clauses were specially liuitted recited or declared in this present acte. And that no person ne persons from henceforth buy or take by exchange, or otherwise take into or within this Realme, to the intende to sell any such thinges or wares aboue rehearsed, made or to bee made out of this Realme vpon paine of like forfeitures and penalties, as are and were expressed in the sayd severall actes, the same penalties and forfeitures to be leued as is afore expressed.

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And that it may be further enacted by authority afore sayde, that if any person or persons doo unlawfully withstand, interrupt, disturbe, or let the Maister and VVardaines, or their deputies of the sayd craft of Pewterers for the time being, or the head Officer or gouernour, head Officers or gouernours of Citties, Townes & Boroughs within this Realme, wherin no such Maister and VVardaines are or shalbe, or any of them in searching, sealing, and taking into their handes and possessions such wares as shall happen to bee bought

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bought or brought into this Realme contrary to the purport and effect of the saide estatute, made in the sayde. xxv. yeare of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lorde, that then every such person and persons so offendinge, in lettynge disturbing or withstanding the sayd seisure or taking of such wares as is aforesaide, shall lose and forsayte for every time so dooinge the summe of five poundes sterlinge, the one halfe wherof, shalbe to y^e Kings vse, and the other halfe to him or them that will or shall sue for thesame, by action of debt, writ, bill, plainte, or informacion in any the Kinges Courtes of recorde, in which action or suite no protection, priviledge nor wager of law shalbe allowed nor admitted.

God saue the Queene.

Thomas Elyot } Maister.

Thomas Nogey. }
Thomas Hawke. } Wardens.

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